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To: NITC Commissioners
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Subject: Community Council Report

The Developing Websites for Community Growth project is providing hands-on assistance to 11 communities, accessibility testing of websites, and marketing assistance. The project is strictly focused on content development, website enhancements, and marketing. At the end of the process, each community will have fully developed website content and will be able to pass that on to a web developer.

The communities selected include:

- Burwell
- Butler County
- Elwood
- Gering
- Grand Island
- Laurel
- Pender
- Scribner
- South Sioux City
- St. Paul
- Valentine

At least one community meeting has been held in ten of the communities. An initial meeting is being scheduled for Laurel. A series of monthly webinars have been held on topics such as Google Docs, LinkedIn, Flickr and blogs.

The Community Council will meet on March 23 to begin developing action plans for the coming year. Lt. Governor Sheehy will also discuss broadband stimulus funding opportunities with members of the Community Council at the meeting.